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Secretary Tommy Thompson
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, SW
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Re: Moratorium on Food Irradiation

Dear Secretary Thompson:

I urge the Department of Health and Human Services to place a moratorium on the FDA's approval of irradiated foods.

Additionally, I am requesting that the Department appoint an independent panel of experts, who have no relationship with the FDA's food irradiation approval process or the food irradiation industry, to re-examine the full body of research into the safety of eating irradiated food and support new research into the toxicity of unique radiolytic products prior to the approval of new foods.

The Department of Health and Human Services' mission is to protect our health and to serve as a brake on corporate efforts to expand profits at the expense of our health and well being.

Please fulfill this mandate and support a moratorium on irradiated foods.

Respectfully submitted,

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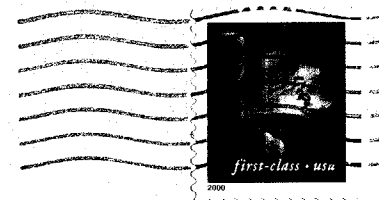
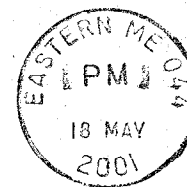


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